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DEPT FOR OES, PLEASE PASS NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION (BROWN)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TECH

SUBJECT: TERRORIST EXPLOSIONS AT SITE OF NUCLEAR  
POWER STATION

REF: PARIS 11395

1. ANDRSSMESSIAH OF THE FRENCH NUCLEAR SECURITY  
SERVICE PROVIDED SCIATT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION ON THE EXPLOSIONS AT FESSEN-  
HEIM (REFTEL). ONE DYNAMITE CHARGE WAS PLACED  
IN THE MOTOR OF THE PRIMARY PUMP, DAMAGING THE PUMP  
TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WILL HAVE TO BE RETURNED TO  
THE MANUFACTURER FOR REPAIRS. THIS WILL NOT DELAY  
THE PROJECT, AS REPLACEMENT PUMPS ARE AVAILABLE.  
THE SECOND CHARGE WAS PLACED IN THE UPPER PART OF  
THE COVER OF THE PRESSURE VESSEL. THE THERMAL  
SCREEN WAS DAMAGED, BUT IT PROTECTED THE COVER IT-  
SELF. A CAREFUL STUDY  
IS UNDERWAY TO SEE IF THE COVER IS STILL IN GOOD  
CONDITION. MESSIAH CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO FISSILE  
MATERIAL ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

2. MESSIAH SAID THAT AT PRESENT THE CONSTRUCTION  
GROUNDS ARE PROTECTED ONLY BY A SURROUNDING FENCE  
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WITH GUARDS AT THE GATE. THE GUARD FORCE SINCE THE

EXPLOSION HAS BEEN REINFORCED. WHEN FESSENHEIM GOES INTO OPERATION, IT WILL BE DECLARED AN "INSTALLATION D'IMPORTANCE VITALE," WHICH MEANS THAT SPECIAL PROTECTION MEASURES WILL BE IMPOSED BEYOND WHAT IS PRESENTLY DONE TO PROTECT OPERATING NUCLEAR PLANTS. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT THE FRENCH WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY MEASURES WITH THE U.S. NUCLEAR AUTHORITIES.

3. SHORTLY BEFORE THE EXPLOSIONS ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL ALERTED THE AUTHORITIES THAT EXPLOSIVES HAD BEEN PLACED ON SITE. SECURITY OFFICIALS FOUND A CHARGE AND EVACUATED ALL PERSONNEL. ON MAY 5, ANOTHER ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL LED TO THE EVACUATION OF THE FESSENHEIM PLANT. NO EXPLOSIONS ENSUED AND SECURITY FORCES DID NOT FIND ANY CHARGES. THE FIRST CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE "MEINHOF-PUIG ANTICH," (GERMAN AND SPANISH ANARCHISTS RESPECTIVELY); THE SECOND AS THE BAADER-MEINHOF GROUP.  
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